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THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE. WE AGREE WITH YOUR SUGGESTION ABOUT GETTING MAXIMUM MILEAGE FROM OUR EXPANDED P.L. 480 EFFORT THIS YEAR. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE INTER- AGENCY CLEARANCE ON AN ASSURANCE TO MRS. BANDARANAIKE, WHEN THE SECRETARY SEES HER SEPTEMBER 30, THAT WE WILL DO "OUR UTMOST" TO MEET GSL REQUEST FOR 200,000 METRIC TONS OF FLOUR FOR FY 77. FOR BUREAUCRATIC REASONS - AND IN ORDER TO KEEP 100,000 MT AS BASELINE - WE WILL CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE BASIC AGREEMENT FOR 100,000 MT OF FLOUR (AND SOME RICE ALSO), FOR WHICH AUTHORIZATION CAN BE EXPECTED IN NEXT WEEK OR SO FOLLOWING THIRD COUNTRY CONSULTATION, TO BE FOLLOWED WITHIN REASONABLE TIME BY INSTRUCTIONS TO AMEND FOR ADDITIONAL 100,000 MT OF FLOUR. ROBINSON

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